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In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10, 13-15 and 17-47 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable on several bases. The grounds for rejection of the claims were subsequently narrowed in the Advisory Action, as summarized in an Examiner's Interview Summary Record, dated June 25, 2002.

In order to narrow grounds and to remove issues for appeal, Applicants now cancel claims 20-43 from this application. M.P.E.P. § 1207. Applicants expressly reserve their right to reintroduce these claims in a subsequent continuation application. Applicants herewith submit an Appeal Brief arguing the reversal of the rejections of claims 1-10, 13-15, 17-19 and 44-47 that remain in the application.

Entry of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

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